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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 3034

FOR DELIVERY OPENING OF BUSINESS NOV 22

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PGOV, UNGA, CY

SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: STATE 278930

1. I SAW PELAGHIAS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS NOV 22.

BELIEVING THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM AND OTHERS

TO HAVE EXACTLY THE FLAVOR OF US REACTION TO GOC POSITION

ON WORKING PAPER #3, REV. 3, I GAVE PELAGHIAS THE TEXT

OF REFTEL. HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ANGELIDES

AFTER LATTER'S NOV 21 CONVERSATION WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ,

BUT DETAILED TELEGRAPHIC REPORT HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

2. AFTER CAREFULLY READING THE INCOMING, PELAGHIAS

STARTED TO REACT DEFENSIVELY AND ANGRILY. HE ACCUSED THE

US SIDE OF CAPITULATION TO TURKISH POSITION AND LACK OF

CONCERN FOR GOC APPREHENSIONS.

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3. HAVING THE FILE WITH ME, I WENT BACK OVER SOME OF

THE RECORD, PARTICULARLY NOV 17 CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK

(USUN 4789) WHICH I HAD DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES

NOV 18 IN GIVING HIM THE TEXT OF WORKING PAPER #3,

REV. 3. PELAGHIAS HAD THE MINISTRY'S FILE. FROM IT AND

PELAGHIAS OTHER REMARKS, WHAT HAS HAPPENED ON THIS ISSUE

IS FAIRLY CLEAR, AS I POINTED OUT TO PELAGHIAS. BEFORE

HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES WAS CARRYING MOST OF THE NEGOTIATION AROUND IN HIS HEAD. NEGOTIATION CONTINUED AFTER HIS DEPARTURE BUT WAS MINIMALLY REPORTED BY SHERIFIS. AS WORKING PAPER #3, REV. 3, CONTAINED CHANGES OF WHICH CHRISTOPHIDES WAS NOT AWARE/HAD NOT APPROVED AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK (HIS ONLY TEXT HAD COME FROM US), CHRISTOPHIDES' BRIEFING OF COUNCIL MINISTERS/NATIONAL COUNCIL (CM/NC) ON NOV 18 SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN HOSTILE. (IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THAT CHRISTOPHIDES RETURNED TO CYPRUS, BY HIS OWN STATEMENT, EXHAUSTED AND MORE CONCERNED WITH THE POLITICAL SITUATION THAN DIPLOMACY ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.) SITUATION WAS AGGRAVATED BY THE FACT THAT THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR CM/NC FORUM THEN DREW UP RETROGRESSIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PELAGHIAS-SOULIOTI-PAPADOPOULOS DRAFTING COMMITTEE, AND CHRISTOPHIDES LEFT FOR EUROPE.

4. WITH THIS BACKGROUND CLEAR TO HIM, PELAGHIAS ASKED THAT I ASSURE HIS FRIEND, COUNSELOR NIMETZ, THAT GOC APPRECIATES ALL US HAS DONE AND IS INTERESTED IN SERIOUS RESULTS, NOT PROPAGANDA. WE TOUCHED ON SPECIFIC POINTS OF PARA FIVE REFTEL, BUT NOT FOR LONG AS PELAGHIAS HAD ANOTHER URGENT MEETING. REGARDING EXTENSION OF INVESTIGATION TO TURKISH MAINLAND, PELAGHIAS SLIGHTLY BACKED OFF THE POSITION HE HAD GIVEN ME NOV 19 (NICOSIA 3021), SAYING GOC DID NOT  
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NECESSARILY INSIST THAT THIS COMMITTEE HAVE POWERS OF INVESTIGATION ON THE MAINLAND. SUCH AUTHORITY COULD BE GIVEN TO THE ICRC OR SOME SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG. GOC'S CENTRAL CONCERN IS THAT IF INQUIRY ON THE ISLAND DEVELOPS INFORMATION LEADING TO THE MAINLAND, SUCH LEADS MUST BE FOLLOWED UP IN SOME WAY. ON INCORPORATION OF WORKING PAPER INTO THIRD COMMITTEE RESOLUTION, PELAGHIAS SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AS THIS WAS ONE OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

5. SINCE MINISTRY'S FILE WAS SO GLARINGLY INCOMPLETE, PELAGHIAS SAID IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE COULD PREPAR

A SUMMARY OF THE NEGOTIATION TO DATE, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. I SAID WE WOULD DO SO THIS MORNING.

6. AS OUR MEETING BROKE UP, WE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF MY MEETING WITH THE GOC DRAFTING COMMITTEE, AND I SAID I WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME.  
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